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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination of the application, please amend the specification as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, line 24, please delete "processors" and insert --processor--, and delete "102A-102P" and insert --102--.

On page 8, line 24, please delete "900" and insert --903--; in line 27, please delete "900B" and insert --903B--.

On page 9, line 10, please delete "900" and insert --903--; in line 13, please delete "900" and insert --903--; and in line 15, please delete "903" and insert --905--.

On page 10, line 18, please delete "900" and insert --903--.

On page 11, line 5, please delete "900A-900D" and insert --903A-903D--.

On page 13, line 28, please delete "900A-900D" and insert --903A-903D--.

On page 14, line 5, please insert the following after "register 606."

--For efficiency, the acknowledgment crossbar 716 in Figure 7A is used to describe acknowledgment crossbars in the routing modules 502A-502H (Figure 5) of both the first and second routing stages 408, 410 below.--

On page 18, line 30, please delete "receives" and insert --receive--.

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